

The Press and Banner  
ABBEVILLE, S. C.

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Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1897.

**Unclaimed Letters.**  
Letters remaining in Abbeville, S. C. post office for week ending December 21, 1897.  
D. Can Don.  
H. Mrs. Hattie Hamilton Sarah Hicklin,  
Mrs. Emma Hodges, Thomas Harrison,  
J. George Johnson (col.).  
D. Mrs. Maggie Leek.  
D. Mrs. H. Robertson, Miss Eugenia Rapley, S. S. Riley.  
D. Miss Sue Strawn.  
D. J. M. Thomas.  
D. Miss Jennie Wilson, Tracie Williams,  
Miss Janie Wilson. Robt. S. Link, P. M.

**Death of Mrs. Wilson.**  
Mrs. Florence C. Wilson, wife of Hugh Wilson, senior, died of pneumonia at their home in Greenwood on Sunday morning, December 19, 1897, aged 72 years. She leaves two children by her first marriage, and two daughters and five sons by the second marriage. Her husband died of pneumonia on Sunday morning, December 19, 1897, aged 72 years. She was buried in Greenwood.

**Strayed.**  
From the subscriber, near Wharton Mills, one small roan horse, mule about 12 years old, white with a black mane and tail, size of ten cent piece, white on back for about 8 inches where back bands work, a short split in the nose. A reasonable reward will be paid for recovery.  
Dec. 21, 1897. Dan Martin.

**Gin House Burnt.**  
Mr. E. D. Wakefield, on the Anderson line, lost his gin house last Tuesday afternoon. The fire originated from friction or malice. Lost 1000 bales of cotton seed, 4 bales cotton and the house and machinery.

**Called from Kentucky.**  
Rev. T. H. Clements, of Louisville, Ky., has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist church of this place.

**Bud Brooks and Grady Reynolds** were here yesterday last week for the murder of B. C. Hunt, who formerly lived in Abbeville county, near White Hall.

**HODGES ITEMS.**  
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WEST END.  
Happenings and Incidents of a Week Around the City.

The "German Club" will entertain their friends next Tuesday evening, the 23rd inst., at the Volunteers' Armory. Handsome invitations are out for that social function and a splendid time is in store for the fortunate ones who are to be the guests of the club that evening. A splendid orchestra has been secured and with sweet music, fair ladies and handsome gentlemen a evening of unalloyed pleasure is assured.

Mr. M. T. Coleman is at home for the holidays. Mr. Arthur Calhoun came in Sunday afternoon to spend this week with home folks at Monticello in this place.

The scholars and teachers of the city school will have a rest from Friday, the 24th inst., to Monday, the 27th inst. Miss Louise McIntosh has been the guest of Miss Mammie Lee for several days.

Mrs. H. H. Norwood, of Calhoun Falls, spent the past few days here with relatives. Monday was pay day for the S. A. L. employees at this place.

Miss Mammie and Miss Sadie Lee will spend the holidays in the "Mountain City" with Mrs. T. C. Gower. They expect to leave here Friday.

Mrs. R. H. Baker, of Calhoun Falls, after a short stay with relatives here, returned home Monday.

Union services were held in the Baptist church Sunday night, and we learn from the Rev. Dr. J. A. Clifton that the service was a most successful one.

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Tax Collector's Notice.

HIS OFFICE WILL BE OPEN  
FROM FRIDAY, OCTOBER  
15th UNTIL FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 31st.

The Rate of State, County, School and Special Tax, Including One Dollar Poll Tax, One Dollar Commutation Road Tax.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ACT TO RAISE SUPPLIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 1898, notice is hereby given that the office of County Treasurer of Abbeville County will be open for the collection of taxes for said fiscal year from Friday, October 15th until Friday, December 31st, without exception. Rates per cent. of taxation are as follows:

State Tax..... 5 mills.  
Ordinary County Tax..... 3 1/2  
School..... 3  
Special Road and Bridge..... 2 1/2

In addition to the above a special tax will be collected for school purposes as follows:  
Town of Mt. Carmel..... 3 1/2  
McMick..... 3  
Lebanon..... 4

Town of Abbeville..... 1 1/2  
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Resolved, That while this separation gives us pain, we submit to authority and would bring them back to us many months have past. To these dear people who go to the bidding of law in whom they have, we say God speed and may Heaven's richest blessing be theirs wherever they be.

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EXECUTOR'S SALE!

On Saturday, January 8, 1898,  
at the residence of the late Samuel McGowan, at 12 o'clock, I will sell the following personal property:  
One Good Horse.  
Two Carriages.  
One Set Carriage Harness.  
One Wagon and Harness.  
One Good Cow.  
TERMS—CASH.

W. C. McGOWAN,  
Dec. 21, 1897, 3f  
Executor.

Mortgagees Sale of Land.

By VIRTUE OF AUTHORITY, consent in writing to sale, of a Power of Attorney, contained in the mortgage duly granted and delivered to the undersigned Trustees of Estate of Dr. John De La Howe and by Geo. M. Sibert, recorded 28th January, A. D. 1888, in Mortgage Book E. page 73, we will sell at Abbeville, S. C. on

Sale day in January next, (3) 1898,  
"all that tract and parcel of land, situate lying and being in Abbeville county, in State aforesaid, containing

Two and One-Fourth (2 1-4)  
Acres,  
more or less, and bounded by lands of Benj. Calhoun on the East, and on the other sides by Public Streets in the Town of Troy," with dwelling house and improvements thereon, for payment and satisfaction of said mortgage.

TERMS—One-half cash, balance in twelve months, with interest from day of sale at 8 per cent. The credit portion to be secured by bond and mortgage of the purchased premises. Premises to be insured for benefit of said Trustees. Purchaser to pay for papers.

The Trustees of Estate  
of Dr. John De La Howe,  
Att'y in fact for Geo. M. Gibert.  
Dec. 3, 1897, 4t

Master's Sale.

The State of South Carolina,  
ABBEVILLE COUNTY.  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.  
Guilford Cade, Plaintiff, against B. J. Herndon, Defendant—Foreclosure.

By VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale at public outcry at Abbeville, S. C., on Saturday in JANUARY, 1898, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situate in said State and in County of Greenwood, to-wit: All that tract or parcel of land, lying and being in Greenwood township in the State aforesaid, containing

One Hundred and Forty (140)  
Acres,  
more or less, and bounded by lands of Columbus Goggins, Morris Romy, Mrs. A. H. Corrie and Mrs. Harriet Fair, being tract No. 8 conveyed to me by Jno. S. Fair, being part of the land owned by D. Haddon, Deceased.

TERMS OF SALE—One-half cash, balance on credit of twelve months with interest from day of sale to be secured by bond and mortgage. Purchaser to have leave to pay all cash. Purchaser to pay for papers.

WALTER L. MILLER,  
Dec. 9, 1897, 4t  
Master.

Master's Sale.

The State of South Carolina,  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.  
Guilford Cade, Plaintiff, against Thomas P. Thomson, Defendant—Foreclosure.

By VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale at public outcry at Abbeville, S. C., on Saturday in JANUARY, 1898, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, to-wit: All that tract or parcel of land, lying, situated and being in Abbeville County, in the State aforesaid, containing

Four Hundred and Eight (408)  
Acres,  
more or less, and bounded by lands of Enoch Nelson, James Wharton, estate of Mr. Vance, Kennedy, Long Creek Creek and Hunter Bros., known as the "Cannon Place."

TERMS OF SALE—One-half cash, balance on credit of twelve months with interest from day of sale to be secured by bond and mortgage. Purchaser to have leave to pay all cash. Purchaser to pay for papers.

WALTER L. MILLER,  
Dec. 13, 1897, 3t  
Master.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

**Pretty Women—Pious Preachers—Barns—Mansions—Visitors—Returning Pilgrims—Death of Capt. W. R. White.**  
Lowndesville, Dec. 20, 1897.  
Miss Nanette Johnson, who came from her visit to Anderson a few days ago.

Rev. W. R. Buchanan, of the low country, was in the city last week looking after his Abbeville interests.

Mr. C. T. Baker took a trip to Augusta, Ga. Miss Fannie Bulow, of Charleston, who had spent two or three weeks with kind people in the place returned here last week.

Mr. Geo. M. Shilth, a successful merchant of Calhoun Falls, was in our city Tuesday.

Mr. E. C. Kay has considerably enlarged his hotel, adding much to its comfort, convenience and appearance.

The sale of the personal property of the late E. P. Morrow, by Mr. J. C. Thomas, executor, took place Wednesday at the old residence of the deceased. The articles sold, brought only the present ruling prices, low.

Rev. E. W. Mason returned to his home here Friday night. He is continued to this city for the next year.

Mr. Henry Allen, of Wofford College, came home Thursday to spend two or three weeks. He is a student in the college.

Mr. C. G. Graves, of Lattimer, was in our town Saturday on business.

AN IDEALITY.  
Hon. I. H. McCalla returned a few days ago from Atlanta, Ga., where he went as a delegate to the Cotton Growers Association.

Dr. S. C. Graves, of Charleston, during the past week, as a delegate from Rollin Lodge to the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons of the State.

Mr. John Moore had the misfortune one night last week to lose his large barn which had just finished with the winter crop.

Mr. H. H. Haddon, of Abbeville, was in our midst Tuesday.

DEATH OF CAPT. W. R. WHITE.  
Capt. William Kenner White was born within two or three miles of this place in 1839, and died in the Windsor Hotel, Spartanburg, S. C., December 13, 1897.

He was a member of the Abbeville M. E. church, living upon a farm, and having only the common school advantages of that day.

On the 15th of October, 1897, he was married to Miss Mary M. Mosley, by whom he had four children, all of whom survive him, in the persons of Mrs. W. R. White, Mrs. H. H. Haddon, Mrs. J. M. Haddon, and Mrs. J. M. Haddon.

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HADDON'S

ARE  
Headquarters for Ladies' Attire!  
Our Great Reduction Sale Will Continue on Through the Holidays. This is Not Only a Reduction Sale, but One Which Will Challenge Comparison, both as to QUALITY and PRICE.

Superior Dress Goods—Black and Colored, the seasons newest and choicest designs at greatly reduced prices.  
Magnificent Silks—A series of remarkable price attractions.  
Black and Colored Velvets—Splendid values at reduced prices.  
Dress Trimmings—The latest novelties in braids and braid sets.  
Ladies' stylish jackets and Capes at reduced prices.  
100 dozen Handkerchiefs—Ladies' extra fine pure linen embroidered and hem stitched handkerchiefs in large assortment from 30c dozen up to 50c each.  
Table Linen, Doilies, Napkins and Towels.  
Domestic—1000 yards best yard wide Sea Island, 4 and 5c.  
1000 yards best yard wide bleached Homespun, 5, 6, and 7c.  
Our yard wide bleached Homespun at 5c breaks the record.  
100 yards of Homespun—extra choice, Gingham and all at lowest prices.  
20 pieces Canton Flannel, extra good quality, 6, 8, 10, and 12 1/2 cts.  
Flannels—The best Red Twilled Flannel on the market at 12 1/2 cts.  
Hosiery and Underwear which challenge comparison.  
Notions and Fancy Goods—Embroidery Silks, Embroidery Cottons, Stamped and Stamped Laces, Burese, Self Stamped Laces and Appliques, Zephyr, Slipper Socks, Knitting Cotton, Buttons, Braids, Machine Needles, Machine Oil, Shoe Polish, etc.

Butterick Patterns—All the winter styles now in stock.  
It will pay you to take advantage of our great reduction sale.  
Sneez—This a strong department with us and we have an elegant stock to select from.  
R. M. HADDON & CO.

Notice to Tax-Payers.

Returns of Real and Personal Property Must be Made at its Market Value, Before the 20th of February, 1898—Fifty per cent. Penalty for Neglect.

IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE TAX-PAYERS IN ABBEVILLE COUNTY, in the matter of making returns, both REAL and PERSONAL, for the fiscal year 1898, I will be at:

Troy—Wednesday and Thursday, January 5th and 6th.  
McCormick—Friday and Saturday, January 7th and 8th.  
Bordeaux—Tuesday, January 11th, until the arrival of up train.  
Willington—Wednesday, January 12th, until the arrival of up train.  
Mt. Carmel—Thursday and Friday, January 13th and 14th.  
Calhoun Falls—Monday and Tuesday, January 17th and 18th.  
Lowndesville—Wednesday and Thursday, January 19th and 20th.  
Donalds—Tuesday and Wednesday, January 25th and 26th.  
Due West—Thursday and Friday, January 27th and 28th.  
Cedar Springs—January 22nd, at Brown's gin house.  
Long Case—January 22nd, at residence of A. F. Calvert.

Antreville—January 22nd, at McAdam's store.  
Bryan's Cross Roads—January 22nd.  
Abbeville—from January 1st to February 20th.

Copies of the County papers, containing a description of the new tax districts, as surveyed by Prof. Grier will be in the hands of the Auditor or his deputy at the various appointments above mentioned. Each individual is expected, in the meantime, to ascertain in what tax district he lives, and to facilitate matters along this line, ALL LAND OWNERS ARE HEREBY SPECIALLY REQUESTED to inform their tenants as to the name or number of their tax district.

Remember that parties having credits and not making a fair return of same, are liable to prosecution by the Auditor and County Board.  
Where parties wish corrections made in the number of acres of land heretofore returned by them, they must present their plats to the Auditor or his deputy.

Taxpayers will bear in mind that this is the year to return real estate. Parties failing to make returns by February 20th, 1898, will positively be charged the 50 per cent. penalty for such failure.  
Don't send returns by mail except where parties are unable to meet the appointments of the Auditor or to come to Abbeville before February 20th or where parties reside outside the County.

Remember that in swearing to your return you take an oath that you have returned your property at its market value. We want a fair return, such as the Board of Assessors can approve.

W. W. Bradley, Auditor.

Just Received

ONE CAR LOAD FINE KENTUCKY Horses AND Mules.

J. S. STARK.

W. D. BARKSDALE & CO.

With their store greatly enlarged and improved and a full stock of General Merchandise are ready to show great bargains in all lines.

A very nice line of 50 calicoes, 50 outtings, 50 homespun. A great variety of outtings from 5 to 10 per yard. See our line of 100 figured worsteds, the best in the city. Satinets, wool nappies, serges and mixed goods. Standard drills at 5c per yard. Sea Island and heavy homespun, all yard wide, at 5c per yard. Flannels all colors, Twilled red, all wool flannels, for 12c. The best medicated at 25c; all other cheap. Canton flannel yard down. Come and see them. JEANS and JEANS PANTS. KEARSEYS, in all wool pants goods, for 5c yard. In SHOES we have a bang up stock of all kinds, from the cheapest to the best. In Children's wear we have a good line. A full line of HATS of all kinds and styles.  
TINWARE—We have new things in this line and have nearly everything a person might want. Also in Agate Ware we have also stock of tinware, and a full line of writing paper. Lots of these goods for the school children.  
GROCERIES—In groceries we are full up, with lots of good things, cheap. Give us a chance on Flour. Canned goods of all kinds. Mackerel, Lard, Hams, Bacon, &c. When wanting anything in general merchandise come and see us.  
W. D. Barksdale & Co.

The State of South Carolina,  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.  
PROBATE COURT.  
In the matter of the estate of Frances Hampton, deceased.  
Petition for Settlement and Discharge.  
J. W. HAMPTON, as Administrator for said Estate having applied for settlement and discharge.  
Do hereby certify that Friday, the 31st day of December next, be fixed for granting the relief prayed for.  
R. E. HILL,  
Dec. 1, 1897. Judge Probate Court.

Men's and boy's top shirts 25 cents up at B. Hillman's.  
A new line of Drew Selby's ladies' fine shoes. Come and get a pair before your size is gone. Cobb & McDavid.  
Dec. 1, 1897, 1f

WATER L. MILLER,  
Attorney-at-Law  
ABBEVILLE, S. C.  
Notary Public.  
Dec. 1, 1897, 1f

Christmas is right upon us, and if you will call on L. W. White you will find that his store is the place to get your Christmas supplies. You will find in great abundance candies, nuts, raisins, currants, citron, cakes, jellies, pickles, can goods of all kinds, cheese, meat, and almost everything else that is good to eat.  
Here are a few things suitable for a Christmas present, such as a gentleman might give his wife:  
A stylish cap or jacket.  
A good warm carpet.  
A beautiful rug.  
A china dinner set of 100 pieces.  
A dozen ivory handle table knives.  
A dozen triple plated spoons or forks, and a great many other less expensive articles, such as a water set, china pitchers, china salt dishes, guest cups and saucers, a plated butter dish or molasses jug, a nice toilet set, &c., &c.  
We still have a few capes and jackets left which we are offering at low prices. L. W. White.  
Now is the time and L. W. White's store is the place to buy and cheap suit of clothing. At the same place you will find overcoats and mackintoshes cheaper than you ever saw them before.  
Haddons are bound to get a liberal share of the winter trade, and their goods at low prices are worthy of consideration. See their great reduction sale adv. in this issue.  
Cobb & McDavid the exclusive shoe dealers. What is Christmas without something good to eat? Anything in this line you can find at A. M. Hill & Sons.  
Fresh cranberries, cranberry sauce, mince and mince pies, pumpkins, figs and nuts for Christmas at A. M. Hill & Sons.  
Malaga, Concord, Catawba, Delaware and Niagara grapes, fresh and nice, for Christmas at Hill & Sons.  
Fruit. Fine Florida oranges, bananas, lemons and apples in variety, all fresh and just in for Christmas at A. M. Hill & Sons.  
Young man you want a box of that fine candy to be sent only at A. M. Hill & Sons.  
Look at those beautiful fancy boxes filled with the choicest French and American candies just for Christmas at A. M. Hill & Sons.  
Be sure and read Hill & Sons Christmas specials, and you will know where to get what you want for Christmas.

W. S. COTHMAN,  
Proprietor.  
A. G. FAULKNER,  
Manager.  
THE ABBEVILLE LUMBER CO.  
We are prepared to fill all orders for Dressed and Rough Lumber, Doors, Sash, Blinds, Frames, Shingles, Brick, Lime, Cement. In short anything needed in the construction of a House.

Buy your kerosene and gasoline from R. C. Wilson & Co.

Holiday Excursion Rates to Augusta, Ga.  
In addition to the regular holiday excursion rates, the Charleston and Western Carolina Railway will sell excursion tickets from Augusta, Ga., at rate of four cents per mile for the round trip and second-class tickets at rate of three and one-half cents per mile for the round trip, from all points on the line to Augusta, Ga., inclusive, and limited for return passage until December 24th.